1.	Financial difficulties	115
2.	Strike/labour problems	53
3.	Lock out	16
4.	Other miscellaneous reasons, *i.e.* shortage of power of raw materials	42
	TOTAL	226

Handloom Weavers in the Country

†2282. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of handloom weavers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that weavers, condition in the country is pitable and they do not get either hank yarn or credit;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is not reserved market for them where they can sell their finished products; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to improve the condition of weavers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) State-wise details of handloom weavers is annexed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) The economic condition of the handloom weavers engaged in low value addition products in some parts of the country may not be so good. However, no report indicating their pitiable condition and non-availability of yarn or credit received from any States. The Government is making concerted efforts to provide marketing outlet to handloom products by extending assistance to organize Expos, District Level events, sponsoring weavers for Craft Melas and setting up of marketing complex and urban haats. The Government of India extends assistance to State Governments to implement developmental and welfare schemes to improve the productivity, income and raise socio economic condition of the weavers.

Statement

Details of Handloom Weavers

Sl. No.	States	Weavers 1995-96 (Prov.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	228007
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	30134
3.	Assam	1259878

*Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
4.	Bihar	72142
5.	Delhi	2977
6.	Goa	14
7.	Gujarat	21350
8.	Haryana	5076
9.	Himachal Pradesh	47901
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	20773
11.	Karnataka	71238
12.	Kerala	32093
13.	Madhya Pradesh	23012
14.	Maharashtra	38985
15.	Manipur	425580
16.	Meghalaya	9321*
17.	Mizoram	99828*
18.	Nagaland	81827
19.	Orissa	104676
20.	Pondicherry	3155
21.	Punjab	5956
22.	Rajasthan	37348
23.	Tamil Nadu	319600
24.	Tripura	137669
25.	Uttar Pradesh	230204
26.	West Bengal	270911
	TOTAL	3579655

Note: *figures pertain to Handloom Census 1987-88.

Promotion of Handloom Industry

2283. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented for the development and promotion of Handloom Industry in the country and the financial provisions made thereunder;

(b) the achievements made in each State under these schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan, indicating the estimated number of Handlooms functioning thereunder; and

(c) the problems being faced by the handloom weavers and action taken by the Government to solve their problems?